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HOUSE BILL NO. 1073

Introduced by: The Committee on State Affairs at the request of the Public Utilities
Commission

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to establish a consumer compensation and education fund
2 related to telecommunication services and to provide for expenditures from the fund.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That chapter 49-31 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
5 follows:

6 The commission shall establish a consumer compensation fund. The fund shall be used to
7 compensate consumers who paid for telecommunications services that a telecommunications
8 company failed to provide or for consumer education. Any civil fines collected pursuant to
9 §§ 49-31-7.4, 49-31-38, and 49-31-38.1 shall be credited to the consumer compensation fund
10 which is hereby established in the state treasury. Any interest earned on money in the fund shall
11 be deposited in the fund. The money is continuously appropriated to the use of the commission
12 to compensate consumers or provide consumer education. The commission may promulgate
13 rules, pursuant to chapter 1-26, regarding procedures on how consumers may obtain
14 compensation from the fund or regarding methods for consumer education.

